Two day of regional networking and coordination meeting was held on March 25th to 26th at Local Resource Centre (Dawei). Mission, Vision and Objective of Civic Engagement and Independence Monitoring Networking Initiative (CEIMNI) have been discussed over this two-day workshop. As a result, vision and mission of the organization were drawn up by group mechanism at level through establishing a platform provision to ensure improved public services and to increase transparency and harmonized relationship between government and public.

Electing steering committee members was carried out right after developing Mission/Vision and Objectives. Seven steering committees were selected accordingly.

The Civic Engagement and Independence Monitoring Network Initiative was founded on January 2019 with 11 CSO members.
WORKSHOP ON LRC STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN- REVIEW MEETING IN YANGON FOR 2 DAYS

On the first day, reviewing on the previous works and feedback session was carried out. In order that LRC activities remain effective and efficient, all the participants especially Regional Coordinators discussed the challenges they are dealing with and finding solutions together. The second day is a brainstorming day. On that day, the participants discussed about upcoming political, economic and social conditions of Myanmar keeping in mind the 2020 election. There new idea was be included in the scope for next 2020-2025 Strategic Action Plan.

Wishing a Happy Myanmar New Year to all our valuable leaders from CSOs, INGOs, NGOs and UN agencies who work together in country development. Within the three months period, LRC had done remarkable achievements with your participation and contribution. One advocacy event was successfully done in National level workshop on “Impact Assessment of Association Registration Law” and different sectors actively involved in this process.

LRC always stand on the field level activities of rights based approach and focus on the community needs. Therefore, approved one new project of “SRHR STRONG+ Strengthening The Realization of National Guidelines, Policies, and Plans) with the consortium of PATH and Marie Stopes International (MSI), initial consultation meetings were started and followed with the implementation process.

LRC also coordinate with other network CSOs on promoting institutional strengthening and response on Civil Society organizational development. We believe that all the information and resources from LRC might be useful for civil society and public community on easily accessible and apply within their organizations.

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Promoting Equitable, Accountable and Civic Engagement (PEACE)

From January to March of 2019, PEACE Project implemented by LRC, Helvetas Myanmar and Partnership for Transparency e.V(PTF.ve) has carried out coordination meetings focusing on children rights, human rights, laws and policies, and related issues. Discussions, meetings, awareness raising trainings, workshops and public advocacy were carried for each of the respective sectors. PEACE project is being implemented not only in Yangon but also in Mandalay Region, Dawei, Mon State, Karen State and Northern Shan State.

Rights for All project (RFA)

Rights for all project has organized basic human rights trainings, awareness raising activities on human rights and human rights related discussions during January, February and March of 2019. Trainings were given not only to villagers but also to Change Agents. Moreover, policy sessions were also undertaken with government officials. Policy awareness in the community trainings were also held.

Lan Thit Si Tho

Lan Thit Si Tho project aims to enhance social and economic development through civil society and Local Authorities engagements in Rakhine State. Computer trainings and English Speaking Trainings were also organized. Coordination meetings and evaluation meetings with CSOs from Sittwe and Mrouk Oo, INGOs and Local Organizations were organized in January, February and March.
Urban Safety

On January 17th, CSOs, Local Administrators and Ward Administrers had a discussion on designing traffic safety and security at Than Lwin Paradise hotel. On January 27th, Youth and Youth Networks has organized a sharing session about their current activities at Youth Community Cafè in Hpa-Ann. Review meeting on draft traffic safety and urban security design was organized with local authorities and representatives of township management committee at the Department of General Administrations office on January 25th.

Local Vocational Training

Executed many advocacy meetings with Kayin State Paliament members, KNU headquarter leaders and civilians from Kawakareik from January to March. Also hosted a talk show about Traffic Rules. Performance Management Evaluation meetings and discussions were also carried out during the first quarter.

Myanmar Humanitarian Fund

Disaster Prevention and Response awareness session & hygiene promotion activities were organized from 1st February to 5th February at different locations such as Daing Pya Monastery, Konta Monastery, Kalarsu Village Tract Administer house, Kaw Hline Monastery and the village leaders in Yaryargay house.
“Dreams come true” says Naw Caroline. in Nyaung Pin village, Kayin State, her dream is to become a tailor. One day her dream came true through a vocational center established by swiss contact and implemented by Local Resource Centre nearby her township. She imaginably sings up to sewing. In her daily commute 30 to 40 minutes from her village.

Her life dream has been to become tailor and opportunity didi not exceed in the past. However now she is selected to and joined the sewing class. She can now follow her dream, thanks to the village leader who informed her and encouraged her to join. And was very excited when chosen. “This is just the beginning my new life and this is only the basic class I will sure the advance class and become a successful tailor and hopefully to establish a home base tailor shop. So that she can helpful and take care of her family.
Tips to know about Cervical Cancer

- Cervical cancer is transmitted through sexual contact therefore if a woman had sexual contact even once with opposite sex, she may be exposed to cervical cancer.
- Cervical cancer is the second fatal disease in Myanmar and about 3,000 women are dying annually with cervical cancer.
- But cervical cancer is a curable disease.
- There are 4 stages in cervical cancer and stage (1 and 2) can be cured under normal treatment.
- The 1st stage can be cured without using any operation depending on the immune level of the patient, it takes from 1 year to 10 years to change to stage 2.
- Patient in 3rd and 4th stage, must have regular consultation with doctors and must undergo operation. At 3rd and 4th stage, the speed of spreading cancer cells is very fast and cannot be stopped.
- It is true that there are vaccines for cervical cancer but the vaccine is 100% effective only for those who never had sexual contact. Therefore, it is recommended to girls aged around 10 and 14 years to take vaccine and others can be cured by doing medical checkup.
- In Summary, every woman who had sexual contact even once in a life time has the potential of cervical cancer and thus, women should undergo medical checkup.